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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 7871

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, EC

SUBJECT: FY-75 AND FY-76 NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM

REF: STATE 245086

1. MISSION PROPOSES TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS STATUS REPORT REGARDING GOE UTILIZATION OF COMMODITIES SINCE THERE ARE STRONG RUMORS CIRCULATING WITHIN POLICE FORCE THAT PRESENT CHIEF OF NATIONAL POLICE IS ABOUT TO BE RELIEVED. WE WOULD PREFER TO DEAL WITH NEW CHIEF ON THIS MATTER RATHER THAN WITH OUTGOING LAME DUCK.

2. IN MEANWHILE, WE WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT AND POSITIVE NARCOTICS DEVELOPMENTS HERE SINCE DEPARTMENT'S ORIGINAL DECISION (WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WAS MADE AS RESULT OF INTER-AGENCY MEETING SEPTEMBER 27) TO HOLD COMMODITY PORTION OF POLICE PROGRAM IN ABEYANCE. THERE HAS , FOR EXAMPLE, BEEN PROMULGATION OF MODIFIED NARCOTICS LAW (REPORTED IN QUITO 6601). NEWLY-INITIATED MONTHLY NARCOTICS MEETINGS WITH GOE NARCOTICS OFFICIALS SEEM TO BE PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY (LAST SUCH MEETING REPORTED QUITO 7527). AND, FINALLY, CONFIDENTIAL

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ARREST AND SEIZURE STATISTICS HAVE SHOWN DRAMATIC

IMPROVEMENT IN RECENT MONTHS. THROUGH SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, THE LAST MONTH FOR WHICH FULL STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE, A TOTAL OF 142 KILOS OF COCAINE (MOSTLY BASE) HAD BEEN SEIZED. THIS IS ALREADY MORE THAN DOUBLE THE 65 KILOS CAPTURED DURING ALL OF 1973. AS FOR POLICE ARRESTS RELATED TO TRAFFICKING, ARRESTS THROUGH SEPTEMBER TOTALED 538 AS COMPARED TO 326 FOR ALL OF LAST YEAR.

3. SO, IF THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING IS REALLY IN THE EATING, WE THINK THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN SUBSTANTIAL FORWARD MOTION IN GOE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT PERFORMANCE AND WE THINK THIS PROGRESS WILL CONTINUE. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT SUSPENSION OF COMMODITY ASSISTANCE OVER THE ISSUE OF WHETHER OR NOT FIFTEEN VEHICLES WERE BEING USED FULL TIME BY THE ECUADOREAN NARCOTICS SERVICE WOULD, QUITE FRANKLY, BE VIEWED AS A SLAP IN THE FACE BY THE GOE AND COULD UNDERMINE THE GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH US THAT NOW SEEMS TO BE DEVELOPING.  
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